to formulations specified in Category II of Third Schedule of the said Order, subject to the conditions that:

(i) it is an independent unit| company and not a subsidiary of or owned or controlled in any manner by any other undertaking which is not so exempted from provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987;

(ii) the formulations are marketed by the concerned unit|company in their own brand names and not in the brand names of and/or trade marks belonging to any other company;

(iii) a declaration complying with conditions (i) and (ii) above alongwith a copy of the Registration Certificate as a small scale unit is submitted to the Government within 60 days from the date of this notification in case of existing units and 60 days from the date of commencement of production in the case of new units.

NOTE: The above exemption to a small scale unit|company will be no longer be admisible as soon as it ceases to be a small scale unit|company.

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Sharing of Power in some Hydel Projects

2 2689. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in accordance with the agreement of 10th May, 1984, between the Chief Ministers of Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab it has been agreed that if the matter of sharing of power in Anandpur Saheb Hydel Project, Mukerian Hydel Project, Thein Dam Project, UBDO Stage 2and Shahpur Kandi Hydel Scheme, is not settled, it would be referred to a Supreme Court Judge for adjudication;

(b) whether the same has been done; and

(c) if so, what is the present status of the agreement of 10th May, 1984?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A reference to the Supreme Court has not been made.

Judgement on te Prices of Essential Drugs

2684. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2362 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the Delhi High Court's judgement dated the 31st August, 1987 upholding the prices of essential drugs and regarding recovery of overcharging done by the companies from the poor consumers; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction there to?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Govt. have given the details asked for by the company as per the direction of Delhi High Court.

Excise Duty on Medicines

2685. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the recommendation of his Ministry medicines based on category I bulk drugs and 26 other drugs have been exempted from excise duty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the sales turn-over of medicines based on these drugs is insignificant;

(c) what is the total sales turnover of formulations in the country per annum and what is the turn-over of finished medicines based on the drugs which have been exempted from excise duty in the proposed budget;

(d) whether it is also a fact that excise duty has been imposed on a number of medicines; and

(e) if so, what is the excise duty so imposed and what is the sales turn-over of these medicines?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b and (c) Turn-over of formulations is not monitored.

(d) and (e) All single ingredient Category-II formulations now carry a reduced Excise Duty @ 10% *ad-valorem* except these referred in part (a) of the question. Decontrolled formulations except where specifically exempt will carry an excise duty of 15 per cent *ad valorem*.

Prices of Neosporin range of Formulations

2686. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1209 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the reasons that the prices of Neosporin range of formulations, Suganril Tablets, Esgipyrin Tablets and actified Tablets have been increased from 50 per cent to 150 per cent;

(b) whether the manufacturers of these products have submitted the break-up as required before the increase of prices; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are free to fix the prices, however, Government is keeping a watch and taking suitable action, wherever necessary. On Government intervention the maufacturer of Neosporin Powder 10 gm has reduced the price from Rs. 10.09 to Rs. 9.51.

(b) and (c) Manufacturers of these products have submitted the information as per provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.